

# Timeline

## Joint Task Force Guantanamo

Safe, Humane, Legal, Transparent



### Prior to Joint Task Force Guantanamo

**1992:** Operation Sea Signal established to prepare for a mass migration of refugees from Haiti and Cuba.

**1994:** Operation Sea Signal led to the creation of Joint Task Force 160.

- Responsible for housing and processing more than 40,000 migrants awaiting repatriation or parole to the United States.
- Camp X-Ray established to segregate migrants who had committed crimes such as theft, assault and battery, prostitution and black-market activities from other migrants and from U.S. civilians and military service members at Guantanamo.

**1996:** Operation Sea Signal comes to an end.

- Camp X-Ray abandoned.

**2001 September:** World Trade Center, Pentagon and United Flight 93 Terrorist Attacks.

### Joint Task Force Guantanamo

**2001 December:** Joint Task Force 160 reactivated.

- Camp X-Ray prepared as a temporary location for detention operations.
- Camp X-Ray was the only pre-existing facility that had the capability of serving as a detention center.

**2002 January:** The first detainees are brought to Guantanamo Bay and housed in Camp X-Ray.

- The International Committee of the Red Cross makes its first visit six days later.
- ICRC continues quarterly visits to present.

**2002 February:** Joint Task Force 170 is created as the intelligence task force to work side by side with Joint Task Force 160.

**2002 April:** Construction of the new 410-bed Camp Delta (Camps 1, 2, 3) is completed.

**2002 April:** Detainees are moved from Camp X-Ray to Camp Delta, a more permanent detention center.

**2002 November:** Joint Task Force 160 and 170 merged to create the Joint Task Force Guantanamo that exists today.

**2003 February:** Opening of Camp 4.

- Provides communal living to allow compliant detainees broader freedoms.

**2004 May:** Opening of Camp 5.

- First modern state-of-the-art facility.

**2004 August:** Camp Echo complete.

- Currently used as a legal visitation center.

**2006 October:** Camp Iguana occupied.

- Provides communal living designated for Court Ordered Release detainees.

**2006 October:** Camp 6 construction complete.

- A maximum security facility modeled after others in the United States.

**2006 October:** Camp 7 occupied.

- A facility for high value detainees.

**2006 December:** Opening of Camp 6.

**2008 March:** Expeditionary Legal Complex completed.

**2009 January:** Executive order to close JTF Guantanamo is signed by President Barack Obama.

**2009 June:** Rear Adm. Thomas H. Copeman III becomes Commander, JTF Guantanamo.